GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CUTTING OF TREE UNDER BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bus Rapid Transit System(BRTS) has been given permission to cut all the trees that fall in the way of the bus stops, bus lanes, cycle tracks etc. in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government on Environmental effects in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the steps proposed to replenish the destroyed trees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) As per the report submitted by Department of Forest and Wildlife, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi, permission for felling/transplantation of 2468 trees was given in accordance with the provisions of The Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994.

(c) No survey regarding environmental effects has been conducted.The project is neither a National Highway nor a State Highway;hence it does not attract the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

(d) The Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994 provides for compensatory plantation in the ratio of 1: 10 in case of felling and 1: 5 in case of transplantation of the tree. The Transport Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has made available 24.8 hectares of Gram Sabha land in village Harewali in District North-West and also deposited the amount for creation of compensatory plantation.